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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE FDA BANS USE OF TETRACYCLINES

1. THE PHILIPPINE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) HAS BANNED THE USE OF TETRACYCLINES IN CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 8 YEARS ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT IN LOCAL PRESS APRIL 24. FDA CONFIRMS THAT OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION TO THAT EFFECT WILL BE ISSUED SOON.
2. THE FDA SPECIFIES THAT PREPARATIONS CONTAINING CHLOR-TETRACYCLINE, OXYTETRACYCLINE, TETRACYCLINE, DEMECLOXYLINE, MINOCYCLINE, AND OTHER TETRACYCLINES DERIVATIVES IN THE FORM OF SYRUP OR DROPS PARTICULARLY INTENDED FOR PEDIATRIC USE ARE NO LONGER CERTIFIABLE, DRUG REGISTRATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN, AND ALL STOCKS MUST BE RETURNED TO MANUFACTURER OR DISTRIBUTOR.
3. RATIONALE FOR ORDER IS THAT TETRACYCLINES HAVE "TOXIC" EFFECTS ESPECIALLY DURING CHILDHOOD - CAUSING STAINING OF TEETH, AND POSSIBLE RAREFACTION OF THE BONES IN CHILDREN.
4. THIS ORDER WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT SIX U.S. DRUG COMPANIES PRESENTLY SELLING TETRACYCLINE IN THIS MARKET. MR. GEORGE SUTER, PRESIDENT OF PFIZER, INC., AND ALSO PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL USFDA POSITION ON THESE DRUGS

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TO PASS TO PHILIPPINE FDA, FOR ITS INFORMATION ONLY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY SIMPLE STATEMENT OF USFDA POLICY REGARDING USE OF TETRACYCLINES, AND ADVISE ON ANY RESTRICTIONS USFDA HAS IMPOSED OR CONSIDERED IMPOSING ON THEIR USE. STULL

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